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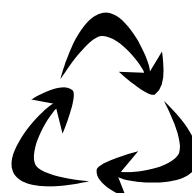
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Welcome to Portland!

by General Chairman Ed Fischer

This is a year that members of the PNNA should be proud of. We are part of a group that has a legacy of service, teaching and sharing. The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association has been around for 75 years. The names that are associated with our group are huge in the national numismatic community. We are so blessed to have such a strong foundation.

The current Board of Directors and group of volunteers want to welcome you to another successfully hosted coin show in Portland. Portland has always been a gracious site for numismatics. Proven with the ANA National Money Show here last March. The fall show should display the constant growth through better exhibits, new dealer inventories and a 75th Anniversary celebration.

This year's production of a 75th anniversary commemorative medal designed by famed engraver Tom Rogers, and a special invite to PNNA members to partake in refreshments, are part of the special celebration. Cake will be served. Ask the front table for directions to both parts of our celebration.

I am now in my first year as General Chairman and want to thank all the volunteers who have helped in a smooth transition. You know who you are. On that note, there are always opportunities to help the team produce the best event ever. It's all done with your assistance.

Collecting coins has given me many hours of pleasure and I hope that shows in the passion I have towards sharing that joy. I work a small bit here and there to help the hobby grow. I am not alone as there are many in the Northwest with the same devotion. Come be a part of the passion, joy and education of numismatics. Everyone in the room is here to answer questions and share the adventure.

Questions? Email edoregon@comcast.net.

Dealer/exhibitor set up:

Friday, October 16, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Public entry:

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Additional Show Information

- The show location is the DoubleTree Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon, just a short walk from the Lloyd Center shopping areas.
- If it's too late for the group rates at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center, there are other hotels within a reasonable distance, and other rates may be available.
- Regular admission is only \$2.00 per day, and you might win something in the hourly door prize drawings. Early Bird admission is available at extra cost.
- See the PNNA website for a list of dealers.
- ANACS (grading service) will be at the show, with a bourse table. They will be accepting submissions, but there will not be a grader present. See their back-cover ad and the ANACS website (www.anacs.com) for more information.
- There will be a YN treasure hunt on Saturday and Sunday. This program is hosted by the PNNA and by participating local coin clubs.
- There will be judged collector exhibits and awards again this year. PNNA exhibitors are requested to complete a simplified one-page exhibit application in advance. For additional information about collector exhibits at the PNNA conventions, including the exhibit applications, rules and judging criteria, please see the PNNA webpage at <http://www.pnna.org/exhibits/exhibits.html>.
- PNNA 75th anniversary medals (see front cover) will be on sale, or you can visit the PNNA website (www.pnna.org) to order individual medals online or contact the chairman.
- There will once again be souvenir elongated coins with a special design, and you can make your own with the PNNA's "penny press."
- Many thanks again to the Willamette Coin Club and their many dedicated members for hosting the show. Check out their club website at: <http://www.pdxcoinclub.org/>.

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PNNA News

PNNA President's Message

by Danny Bisgaard

As I write this quarter's column, all the kids are back in school continuing their education. Speaking of education, make sure you read the articles of the two scholarship winners on their experiences this summer at the ANA summer seminar.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Puyallup Fair will be over. Once again, a great big thank you to Rick Schulz for organizing and to all the volunteers for staffing the shifts in educating the public in the area of numismatics.

Thank you to the dealers who have donated items for the PNNA display. Those donations received to date were on display in Puyallup and will again be displayed in Portland. We continue to have a need completing the display. If interested, contact Rick Schulz (richardf53@yahoo.com, 253.535.0690).

We want to thank Ed, Larry and Scott in organizing the 11th Annual PNNA/WCC Coin Show being held at the Doubletree in Portland. Contact Ed Fischer, edoregon@comcast.net, if you want to help set up on Friday, October 16th, staff the show on Saturday, October 17th or help break down the show late Sunday, October 18th.

As we mentioned at the Boeing show held in Kent and the PNNA show held in Tukwila, bring your PNNA membership badge to the October Show. We will finish taking photos of those dealers who do not have a current badge. No badge, no access to the show floor!

Please consider serving on the PNNA Board of Directors; new elections will be held in 2016.

We plan on having another birthday party in Portland celebrating the 75th anniversary of the club. All PNNA dealers and members are invited to the hospitality room to pick up their free cupcake.

Congratulations to all PNNA members – the ANA awarded the PNNA an Exemplary Service Award, for club service, which was presented in Chicago in August 2015. Thanks to every member and club that promotes the hobby of numismatics.

Have a great "numismatic" fall – consider attending the PNNA/WCC 11th Annual Fall Convention in Portland, Ore. (Oct. 17-18), Tri-City Coin Club Show in Richland, Wash. (Oct. 23-24), Everett Coin Club Show in Everett, Wash. (Nov. 21-22), North Shore Num. Society Show in Burnaby, B.C. (Nov.

28), Salem Coin Club Show in Salem, Ore. (Dec. 5-6) or the Boeing Show in Kent, Wash. (Jan. 16-17, 2016).

Hope to see many of you this fall in Portland.

Projected Board Meetings dates and locations:

October 17, 2015 – Portland PNNA/WCC Convention – 6 p.m.

January 16, 2016 – Boeing Show at Kent Commons – 6 p.m.

April 23, 2016 Tukwila Annual Convention – Tukwila Community Center – 8 a.m. Board/6 p.m. Membership.

2016 Summer Meeting - Date and location TBD.

In Memoriam

The PNNA regrets to announce the recent passing of PNNA member David Ownbey. See the obituary on page 10.

ANA Award

The PNNA was pleased to receive this year's Exemplary Service Award from the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

The award was presented at the ANA World's Fair of MoneySM in Chicago/Rosemont, Illinois. As noted by the ANA, "the organization (PNNA) serves collectors and dealers in the Pacific Northwest region and has been an important asset to the ANA." Examples of PNNA activities benefiting the hobby and the ANA include co-hosting of ANA national shows (1998, 2004, 2009 and 2015), conducting ANA seminars, staffing a hobby information booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, and sponsoring ANA Summer Seminar scholarships for both adults and young numismatists. Thank you, ANA! See *The Numismatist*, Sept. 2015, p. 78, for an article with additional information and a photo.

PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from past PNNA board meetings, including the summer meeting in July, are available on the website (<http://www.pnna.org/minutes/board.html>), or PNNA members may request copies of the minutes via the PNNA's information email, info@pnna.org, or by writing to the address listed on page 2.

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COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

October 2015

OCT 3-4 TRI-CITY COIN CLUB FALL SHOW, M-Motel, 1515 George Washington Way, Richland, WA

OCT 3-4 BUENA PARK COIN SHOW, Retail Clerks Hall, 8550 Stanton Ave, Buena Park, CA

OCT 10-11 NwPlaza Antique Coin Bonanza, 1413 C Street, Vancouver, WA

OCT 17-18 (Setup Oct 16) PNNA-WCC 11TH ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION & COIN SHOW, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR

OCT 21-24 DENVER COIN EXPO, National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO

OCT 24-25 SPOKANE INLAND EMPIRE FALL COIN & STAMP SHOW, Center Place, 2426 N Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA

OCT 30-NOV 1 LAS VEGAS, COIN, CURRENCY, JEWELRY, POSTCARD & STAMP SHOW, The Orleans Hotel & Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV

November 2015

NOV 7 BREMERTON-WEST SOUND COIN SHOW, Masonic Temple, 878 5th St., Bremerton, WA

NOV 13-15 LAS VEGAS, COIN, CURRENCY, JEWELRY, POSTCARD & STAMP SHOW (see Oct 30 listing for details)

NOV 21-22 EVERETT COIN CLUB Fall Coin & Stamp Show, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12810 35th Ave SE, Everett, WA (see ad below)

NOV 28 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

NOV 28 NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY STAMP & COIN FAIR, Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC

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December 2015

DEC 5-6 SALEM COIN, STAMP and POSTCARD SHOW, Oregon State Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 256, Columbia Hall, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem, OR

DEC 11-13 THE VEGAS SHOW, Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV

DEC 12 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

DEC 13 (8AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, Olympia VFW Post, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

DEC 18-20 LAS VEGAS, COIN, CURRENCY, JEWELRY, POSTCARD & STAMP SHOW, The Orleans Hotel & Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV

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January 2016 — See pnna.org for updates and more shows

JAN 2 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 2013 S. Cedar St., Tacoma, WA

JAN 7-10 FLORIDA UNITED NUMIS. (FUN) 61st ANNUAL CONVENTION, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, Florida

JAN 7-10 NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC CONVENTION, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, 301 Park Avenue, New York City, NY

JAN 8-9 EAST BAY-CONCORD COIN SHOW, The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord, CA

JAN 16-17 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 22-24 SAN JOSE COIN CLUB SHOW, DoubleTree Hotel Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA

JAN 30 (tentative) OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, WA

To list a show email info@pnna.org, or call 541-647-1021.

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Puyallup Fair Report

by PNNA Fair coordinator Rick Schulz

As of day four (Monday, September 14) the weather has been great and attendance good, at the annual Washington State Fair in Puyallup. There were lots of visitors to the numismatic display in the Hobby Hall over the weekend and I'm sure we will stay busy through the run of the Fair.

As was true last year, the birth year penny search and foreign coins are a hit with kids of all ages, as is the PNNA's "penny press" with a Washington State Fair design.



Photo: **Ron Ahre** (right) assists a YN with the PNNA's "penny press." Photo supplied by Rick Schulz.



Photo: World coins for visitors at the PNNA's Hobby Hall booth. Photo by Joan Ah.

In Memoriam — David Ownbey

Some information from *The Lewiston Tribune*

David Lloyd Ownbey, 60, of Tigard, Ore., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, as a result of a heart attack. David was born March 16, 1955, in Moscow, Idaho. He graduated from Potlatch High School in 1973. David was married to Patricia (Jones) Ownbey on Nov. 23, 1980, and they were married almost 35 years.

Although David's career was mostly in the telephone service industry, he is best known to most of us for his numismatic activities for the past 30 years — buying, selling and trading coins, currency and tokens. He organized a series of coin and currency shows in Clackamas, Ore., with the most recent show just after his death completed by his wife, Patty.

David's love of coins also led him to serve as president of the Willamette Coin Club, where his many friends and fellow club members will miss and remember him for a long time to come.

David was PNNA member 775 for 15 years, and also belonged to the Northwest Token & Medal Society and others numismatic organizations.

In addition to his wife, Patty, David is survived by goddaughter Danielle Yoshinaga; by his mother, Phyllis Rohn Ownbey; by two brothers, Randy and Duane and their families; and by David's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Stewart, with whom he maintained a close relationship.



ANA Summer Seminar photo: **Ed Fischer** working as a volunteer at the ANA Mini Mint, producing special Father's Day edition medals given out at registration for week one. See Ed's story on pages 14-15.

Photo supplied by Ed Fischer.

Honoring the Olympics, North and South by Mark Benvenuto

The year 2016 will be the next that has some serious Olympic fever in it, with the XXXI Summer Games being hosted down in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. When it comes to past Olympic Games, it can be fun to compare the output of the RCM and the U.S. Mint, because the two have chosen to honor several of the past Games in rather different ways.

First, the Royal Canadian Mint, and the Olympics

The RCM produced a wonderful array of circulating pieces for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, and these might be the Olympic coins most folks in Canada and the U.S. think of the quickest, simply because plenty of them are still available in circulation. But Canadian coins with an Olympic theme go way back. Chronologically, we have:

1976. Montreal played host to the Summer Games, and the RCM produced the first real series of coins to commemorate them. The entire series was 28 silver pieces, and two in gold. Perhaps obviously, the gold ones can be expensive today, but assembling a set of this earliest Olympic series in silver can be one of the fun challenges of modern numismatics.

1988. Canada again won a bid to host the Games, this time the XV Winter Games, in Calgary. Once again, the RCM produced an impressive series of silver and gold commemoratives, and got started early on selling them worldwide to help pay for the event.

1992. To honor the centennial of the Olympics, the RCM issued a pair of silver and a single gold piece. This was part of an international collaboration with other mints to honor the year (even though the true centennial year was 1996). The two silver pieces have the interesting denomination of \$15, and the gold piece has a \$175 face value. While the gold piece is much less common than the other two, prices for it have never gone through the roof. It's still gold, and will never be cheap, but it hasn't become some sort of major rarity either.

2010. It was actually 2007 when the RCM began issuing coins that in some way honored the Vancouver Games. But what made this so much fun for collectors was that not only were there special collector issues, but this set of Games was honored on a large number of circulating coins! This was a series that everyone could collect, just by looking through pocket change. Even today, the RCM website states, "In relation to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Royal Canadian Mint has proudly produced the most extensive circulation coin program ever conceived by any mint worldwide. Bearing unique designs related to the 2010 Winter Games, this first-of-its-kind circulation program includes a total of 17 coins..." While the vast majority are quarters, the idea of adding what the RCM called two "lucky loonies" into the mix made collecting from pocket change that much more fun. Of course a person can still buy presentation versions as well – but will miss the challenge of the hunt, as it were.

Second, the U.S. Mint and the Olympics

1984. The U.S. basically had just broken a long moratorium on commemorative coins when it came to honoring the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984. Two silver dollars and a gold \$10 eagle, produced in 1983 as well as 1984 (the year of the XXIII Summer Olympiad), with an alphabet soup of mint marks from which to choose, were the first multi-coin official commems in the new U.S. program. Noteworthy to collectors was that the gold eagle was minted at West Point, in addition to what might be called the usual facilities of Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco.

1988. In 1988, the U.S. Mint again went at a commemorative set of coins for the Olympics, and this time plenty of collectors acted the part of the referee, and cried "Foul!" Folks were upset that the U.S. wasn't hosting, but was still commemorating, a set of Games. The feeling was that this is something only done by small countries that essentially have no chance of ever being hosts. Some collectors felt they were just being made into cash cows for special causes. But all that being said, Elizabeth Jones' obverse of the \$5 gold piece, the image of Nike, is absolutely beautiful – and the figure has become something of a modern-day classic.

1992. Once again, even though the U.S. was not hosting summer or winter Olympic Games in 1992, Congress authorized the Mint to come out with a commemorative set, this time a half dollar, a dollar that was indeed silver, and a gold \$5 half eagle. The buzz was about the dollar coin, since the image of the baseball player on the obverse so closely matched a Nolan Ryan baseball card. The excitement has abated over the last two decades, and Nolan Ryan dollars – as they are sometimes called – are pretty affordable today.

1996. The United States did indeed host the Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996 – and jumped the gun for commemorative coins by starting their production in 1995. This time it was a veritable flood of half dollars, dollars, and \$5 half eagles. Collectors may have cried, "Foul!" in 1988; now they cried "Poverty." Not many folks were able to afford an entire set. Today, the cost of the half dollars and dollars is not exorbitant, but the four different half eagles, in proof as well as uncirculated finishes, still represent a pretty hefty outlay.

2002. The XIX Winter Olympics were held in Salt Lake City, and once again the Mint produced commemoratives, although this time in a much more limited way. The single one-dollar and five-dollar pieces represent the entire output for this particular set of Olympics.

Overall?

North and south of the border, the last few decades have seen some great commemorative coins honoring the various Olympic Games. Assembling a collection now could prove to be a great way to gear up for the Olympic fever of the summer of 2016.

Also see the Olympic coin set photo on page 13.

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ANA Summer Seminar instructor photos:
Left: **Col. Steven Ellsworth**. Right: **Bob Campbell** (left) and **Brian Silliman** (right),
with ANA Executive Director **Kim Kiick** (center).

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Summer Seminar photos courtesy of
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ANA Summer Seminar Reports

PNNA Adult Scholarship Report

by Ed Fischer, PNNA Director

GO! GO! GO! That is what I have to say about what any numismatist should do when it comes to ANA Summer Seminar ("Coin Camp"). Immersion is a slight word used to describe the experience.

I jumped through the hoops of filling out the application and was awarded a scholarship for one week at the 2015 American Numismatic Association (ANA) Summer Seminar. Without PNNA assistance, I would not have financially been able to attend. So THANK YOU again.

My trip started early at the Portland airport with a 1 hour and 20 minute delay. I was fortunate to have a huge connection time in Denver and was able to make my scheduled flight to Colorado Springs. While waiting for my second flight, I noticed a character in a pair of coveralls and a bowler hat. The infamous Tiny Cross was very recognizable from his many picture in *The Numismatist* magazine. And thus the airport shuttle problem I thought I would face in Colorado Springs was solved.

We were picked up by the smiling face of Susan McMillan in a big white van, taken to registration and then to Colorado College Inn. I arrived a day early to get settled in and check out the city of Colorado Springs. That didn't happen, as I was diverted to the basement of the ANA Museum to help in the "Mini Mint" producing Father's Day medals for first week registration. Joe Paenessa really opened my eyes to minting. As interest of the process waned, I was left alone to operate the mint on my own and make many unique striking errors.

My next stop was the ANA Library for information on my latest interest of medallions. They booted me out when it was quitting time. This was fortunate for me as I was on brain overload from the information and long day. During "Coin Camp," the ANA employees eat at the central dining and I was invited to join them. There was always a good variety and plenty of it.

I saw Tiny driving by on the golf cart and caught a ride back to the CC Inn. A few others had shown up early, met at the picnic tables, and we carried on a conversation related to everything we collected. It was the beginning of opening my eyes to whole new areas. This was just the first night.

The next morning I wandered down towards breakfast. Along the way I found a small breakfast place called Wooglin's Deli that served up great caramel latte. It was to be a semi-regular morning stop on my walk to breakfast. Registration followed breakfast and gave me another opportunity to meet more students and staff for week one. The variety of backgrounds and ages is incredibly diverse, from YNs to foreigners. The organization of ANA showed in the whole registration process and it went very smoothly.

This gave me a chance to meet Amber Bradish who was my contact for preregistration, scholarship info and getting the classes I wanted. Every interaction was professional and productive. She went out of her way to answer all my questions.

I was able to reconnect with ANA folks I had met at the Portland ANA National Money Show. Robert Kelly had taken some wonderful pictures of Ray Kaskey and myself. Doug Mudd was there and we had met twice before—once when he did an educational seminar in Salem and again when I was badgering him for lighting information during ANA show setup.

The week goes on and on like this. Week one instructors for the Grading 2 class were David McCarthy, Steven Feltner and John Schuck, III. All greats in the numismatic world. We had walk-through instructors Jerry Bobbe and Ken Bressett. Every night was filled with bull sessions or actual night classes. The one I attended was instructed by Col. Steven Ellsworth with a discussion panel of Brian Fenton, Tom Hallenbeck and Don Bonser. Talk about a wealth of information.

I had one free day and used it to have dinner with a distant aunt and explore parts of Colorado Springs. Other evening excursions I enjoyed included a ride to the top of Pike Peak on the Cog Railway and a trip to the depths of the Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine. I watched a fun run with my caramel latte at sunrise and snuck into the woman's floor of a neighboring dorm to do my laundry. I played poker with Charmy Harker, Sam Joseph and Rick Snow at the Lunar Lounge. I'm not sure that there wasn't some kind of plan afoot. I sure seemed to lose my \$20 real fast.

My week two class was "Pleasure and Profit: 100 Lessons to Building and Selling a Collection of Rare Coins," taught by Robert Shippee and Ken Bressett. The book laid out a lot of statistics and information about what did well and what didn't. The last chapters broke the coins down by grades, metals and rarities. Add in all the stories from Ken and the class was a zinger. This class was also attended by PNNA YN scholarship winner Benjamin Mous.

More bull sessions, some by Bob Campbell and a night class by Brian Fenton. This class I was able to share with Ron Engholm, another PNNA Director. There were several other Portland people there, but I rarely saw them as there was always something getting your attention.

There was a book sale during each session that benefited the ANA Museum Library. David Sklow was so approachable during the sale and was a wealth of information on subjects I was researching in the Library.

At the end of each session was an auction for the Young Numismatist Scholarship fund and a banquet where graduates were acknowledged. Awards were given to instructors, Doctor-

ates were given for numismatic achievements, and a lot of presentations were made “for the good of the order.”

I know this may feel like a lot of stuff going on, but really it was only the tip of the iceberg. So many brilliant numismatists were willing to give of their time and experiences. You can take my experiences and multiply it by every other person that was at Summer Seminar to get a real sense of how much is going on. It was a bucket list item that I will cherish forever.

Thank you again PNNA for the gift, and GO! GO! GO!

PNNA YN Scholarship Report

by Ben Mous, July 7, 2015

This is a report of my enjoyable class experience at the 2015 ANA Summer Seminar, Session Two, in Colorado Springs. I took the class “Pleasure and Profit: 100 Lessons for Building and Selling a Collection of Rare Coins,” taught by Bob Shippee, Ken Bressett and John Pack.

The class, in which Bob and Ken were the main instructors, was fun and interesting. John, who was from Stack’s-Bowers auctions, explained all about consigning coins to auction. I really enjoyed his stories. There was also a roving instructor, Rick, who told many interesting stories and gave lots of advice on selling coins.

The most significant thing I learned is to always do your research before purchasing rare coins. For example, there could be a coin out there that is 20 times rarer than the one you are considering to buy but only costs a little more and could potentially bring a far greater profit.

In class, there were several grading challenges and one counterfeit coin detection challenge. Also, there were many prizes to be won by answering questions correctly. We passed around rare coins to examine and grade. Most of the coins were slabbed with the grade covered by tape. I was most impressed with a four dollar Stella pattern in copper because of its extreme rarity and unusual looks. I learned a lot of lessons that do not only apply to U.S. coins, but also to many other types of coins.

Altogether this class was very enjoyable and I learned so much and I would love to do another class at the ANA Summer Seminar. I am very thankful to the PNNA for the scholarship they awarded me so that I could partake in this wonderful class.

Summer Seminar Report

by Ronald Engholm, PNNA Director

Another Year, another fabulous American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar (“Coin Camp”). Getting there was part of the fun with an exciting road trip with none other than our local coin pro and ANA instructor Jerry Bobbe. We traveled from Salem, Oregon to ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs, a distance of more than 1,350 miles each way. The road trip gave us plenty of time to visit coin shops and hunt for bargains and chat with local coin shop owners along the way.

Once arriving at the ANA in Colorado, we were greeted by friendly ANA staff. Soon class was in session. The first week I took the class, “Coin Dealer Concepts, Methods and Tools” with instructor Col. Steven Ellsworth. The first day he handed us a syllabus three inches thick. I can remember thinking “this is a one-week course—oh, boy, what have I gotten myself into!” Not only did Col. Ellsworth cover the material in the course, but his enthusiasm and passion for the hobby were integrated into the business side of the hobby in ways that made the course loads of fun. He encouraged class participation and questions, and he brought in interesting speakers with unique perspectives on the challenges of structuring a small business. To anyone interested in the business side of the hobby, this is the class for you! Of the ten classes I have taken at Summer Seminar over the years, this class was easily the most organized. I highly recommend Col. Ellsworth’s class; it was well worth the tuition!

After the week one graduation and banquet, we had a nice two-day break that coincided with the sizable Colorado Springs coin show. We attended the show and also visited local sites such as Pikes Peak, where we stood at the summit which is more than 14,000 feet high. The views stretch from Colorado to Kansas and were breathtaking in all directions.

I compared notes with Ed Fisher, fellow Oregonian PNNA board member, a pillar of our local clubs in the Pacific Northwest, and a worthy recipient of the 2015 adult PNNA scholarship. He seemed to be having as much fun as I was!

I then started week two with “Detection of counterfeit and altered coins.” This class was taught by numismatic experts Bob Campbell and Brian Silliman. This class gave me a first-hand look into the dark side of the hobby. The fake and altered coins in the ANA set were extensive and ranged from easily spotted lightweight coins with poor details to topnotch fake coins that might fool a pro, with proper weight and metal. The majority of these coins were key dates and gold coins. Some of the keys to detecting these fraudulent coins are knowing the mintmark style and looking for slight tooling, die transfer craters or loss of slight design detail under magnification.

Knowing common die markers on the “real McCoy” is also a good way to authenticate coins. Since this can be a rather daunting task, particularly for the new collector, the old adage “once bitten, twice shy” can come into play. On key dates and large dollar purchases, I recommend new collectors rely on trusted experienced dealers, or on one of the four major third-party grading companies — PCGS, NGC, ANACS or ICG. Also, match up the photos from their sites with the coin in your slab.

Just as our hobby is always evolving, so are the scoundrels who make their living conning collectors with fake and altered coins. It is imperative that we take advantage of the resources provided to us through the PNNA and ANA and from local dealers and coin clubs. Sharing our growing knowledge can help keep this fine hobby safe and fun for everyone so we can pass on a vibrant healthy hobby to the next generation.